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insurance companies, their level of participation. It should reduce proportionately, Senator. As the total costs have reduced overall, their proportionate costs are going to be less. Depending on the policy that they have in effect, whatever their policyholder has, they may pick up 100 percent of the total cost; they may not. It depends on whatever the policy that they've negotiated, whatever is applicable. But as the total costs go down, the lab fees go down, obviously, the total cost for the testing is going to go down. It will include some formula that hasn't been included before. We charged an additional fee for it before, I think like \$3 or something. So it really, truly is, I think, win-win for everyone involved.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator...I see no further lights on. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close. He waives closing on the committee amendments. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 ayes, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The committee amendments are adopted. We are now debating advancement of the bill. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR JENSEN: No, Senator Byars.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Excuse me, Senator Jensen, I am sorry. Senator Byars, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. Indeed, it is Monday morning for several of us, obviously. I am glad I am not the only one suffering from the Monday morning whatever. Thank you for the questions and the input on LB 235 and thank you, Senator Jensen, Chairman of the Health Committee. I think we, as a committee, have seen this truly as somewhat as a surprise, yes, and at the same time dealing with continued absolutely needed screenings for babies that this body has embraced as we've brought those issues to you over the years. I think this is good legislation. It's fun to be able to bring something to you